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The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 92,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools, serving close to half-a-million Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto. As the world's largest publicly funded Catholic school system, we educate students in an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ, where they are challenged to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

TCDSB Releases First-Ever Report Card Earns a Solid "B" for Its Performance

The Toronto Catholic District School Board today released its first-ever report card on its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. After hearing from more than 20,000 parents, teachers, students, and community stakeholders, the Board is reporting a final average of a "B".

"We thank the thousands of participants who provided us with valuable feedback on the effectiveness of our strategic plan, which helped us identify areas for improvement," says Angela Gauthier, Director of Education. "From the results, we know we are on the right track, and remain committed to achieving the overall priorities we identified when we embarked on this journey three years ago."

Some specific areas identified for improvement include:

- Raising awareness on how, and expanding ways in which, Catholic social teachings are applied in our schools and decision-making
- Responding to decline in math results on standardized tests with a system wide priority for elementary mathematics
- Ensuring a more timely response to parent/community concerns and greater engagement of stakeholders across the system
- Working toward increasing board in-year budget reserve and structural surplus
- Improving efficiency of Board and Committee meetings, and improving clarity around roles and responsibilities, including a mentorship/orientation program for newly elected trustees
- Working towards reduction of grievances by working more proactively with school/worksite leaders and union and federation leaders
- Enhancing a formal, comprehensive succession plan for principals and vice-principals that includes Catholic leadership formation for prospective leaders

"The report card is one way we're letting those inside and outside the TCDSB know if we're making the grade when it comes to the goals we've set ourselves as a board. The community feedback, and the system evidence, both tell us that we're in a solid place from which to continue building success across our system," says Jo-Ann Davis. "There is always more work to be done, and we will continue to raise the bar. Ultimately we want to remain one of this province's premier school boards - striving to meet our vision to transform the world, through the success of our students, schools and staff."

To read the full report, please visit the TCDSB website:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/MYSP/Pages/MYSP-Report-Card.aspx>